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7th Bomb Wing Sortie Goals

As of: Sept. 18

	Monthly Goal	Flown to Date	Current Status
	91	49	-8
	45	27	-6
	72	40	-5

FY-03 Flying Hour Curve: -88.5

Source: 7th Operations Group

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As of: Sept. 16

	Departure Reliability Goal	Current Departure Reliability
	78%	75.6%
		

39th AS wins AFA award

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The 39th Airlift Squadron was nationally recognized Monday when the squadron commander was presented with a 2003 Air Force Association citation of honor during the AFA's annual convention in Washington D.C.

A citation of honor recognizes outstanding contribution to national defense by either an Air Force military member, Department of the Air Force civilian, unit, or group of individuals, according to AFA officials.

The 39th AS was recognized for their efforts in supporting the war on terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom. The 'Trailblazers' were among the first Air Force units to conduct combat missions in Afghanistan, said Lt. Col. Charles "C.K." Hyde, 39th AS commander.

The men and women of the 39th accomplished a variety of missions during the OEF deployment. Transporting Taliban detainees, flying distinguished visitors to locations within forward operating areas and testing out combat night vision goggle procedures were among some of the achievements that helped garner the award, Hyde said.

The Air Force Association is an independent, nonprofit civilian organi-



Courtesy photo

A 39th Airlift Squadron crewchief marshals in a C-130 returning from a mission. The 39th AS was presented with an Air Force Association citation of honor this week.

zation promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation.

The AFA awards highlight the excellent aerospace contributions made by many talented and dedicated Air Force people and AFA members working in support of national defense, said John Politi, AFA Chairman.

"Airmen and civilians, Guardsmen and Reservists give their best day-in and day-out for the good of our Air Force and the nation," Politi said. "We salute AFA's 2003 National Award recipients serving on the home front and abroad, often in harm's way, as well as our AFA members working in chapter activities throughout the U.S. and overseas."

Air Force Climate Survey launches Oct. 1

By Richard Salomon
Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency
Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Air Force leaders at all levels want to know, "How is my organization doing?" The 2003 Air Force Climate Survey begins Oct. 1 to answer this question with the help of Air Force people.

Their participation in the survey is critical, said senior leaders.

"Leadership must be made aware of what's really going on out there," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. "By taking a few brief moments to fill out this survey, you can help your leaders understand your concerns and ultimately better serve you and our nation's interests."

Previous surveys included active-duty airmen and appropriated-fund civilians. This year, the survey will also include the Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, non-appropriated fund civilians and students in a temporary-duty status.

"We want to make sure all members of the Air Force team have an opportunity to participate," said Lori Marcum, the survey's team

leader. "Leaders at all levels use the Air Force Climate Survey to target areas for improvement. In order to create positive changes within an organization, (leaders) must know where to begin. This survey provides everyone an opportunity to speak out about strengths and areas for improvement in their organization."

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View from a tanker window

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
U. S. Central Air Forces-Forward
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) -- By nightfall, the KC-135 Stratotanker was well on its way to the sky over Iraq from its forward-deployed location. This mission is just one of many combat tanker missions that take place every day in the U. S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Sure, one might say that a KC-135 is not really a combat aircraft, but fighters, bombers or any other plane would be unable to complete a single mission without the fuel the tankers provide.

Tonight our tanker, deployed from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., will rendezvous with an E-8C Joint STARS aircraft and two A-10 Thunderbolt IIs on patrol supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As I sat buckled in the cockpit, minimal lights on in the plane, cruising to our designated rendezvous point that night, all I could think about was the 140,000-plus American troops beneath me doing whatever they can to help the Iraqi people. It really sort of made my lofty position above them seem so insignificant. Soon though, I would see my comrades in action.

10:52 p.m. -- We descended to cruise at a comfortable level between 22,000 and 28,000 feet and waited for the E-8C. Soon it was in trail behind the tanker.

The E-8C took the fuel in two intervals. First it took 35,000 pounds of fuel in one go-around and then another 10,000 pounds in the final offload. Senior Airman Cy Eckhardt, the boom operator on the flight, performed this refueling job under very low light conditions to protect the night vision of the pilot of the receiving aircraft. Eckhardt worked like a cat in the night with quickness and precision. Before I knew it, the E-8C was refueled and on its way.

I remember telling Eckhardt as the E-8C approached for the second time, "You've got a great job. Where else on this planet would you be able to do something like this?"

He replied jokingly, "Singapore." Singapore is one of a handful of

other countries that have air-refueling capabilities close to those of the U.S. Air Force.

Meanwhile, the pilot, Capt. Joel Rivard also from Grand Forks AFB, and co-pilot, 1st Lt. William Jimenez from McConnell AFB, Kan., kept the plane steady during the refueling. They were the epitome of good "crew resource management," minimizing the risk of any mishap with the other aircraft. When you have refueling involved, a small mis-cue by either side could be a costly one in terms of life and death.

Flying steady and straight is one, if not the most important thing during a refueling. However, I think if you were to ask Eckhardt, he would probably say the pilot and co-pilot were just "driving him to work." This may be one way of looking at it, I guess.

So we waited for them to "drive" him to his next refueling job, a pair of A-10s.

12:10 a.m. -- I was nearly asleep when Eckhardt told me the A-10s would be refueling in about 10 minutes. So, like a good little observer, I got ready and headed to the back to watch the action.

As the KC-135 decelerated to accommodate the A-10's slower speed, Eckhardt connected with the first at 12:17 a.m. He started refueling and talking to the pilot of the A-10, who asked him where he was from. They continued chatting about their mission that night. Eckhardt later told me the A-10s were "tooling' around," -- standing by to provide close-air support for the ground troops just in case.

By 12:36 a.m., he finished refueling the second A-10 and it was time for us to head back to our base. On the way back, I saw what appeared to be thousands of twinkling stars on the ground. It was really thousands of lights from Iraqi cities. And when I say lights, I mean a lot of lights. In some areas it was almost like flying over a major American city.

2:18 a.m. -- Our plane lands. Now that we were back, I reflected on the success of that mission. The coalition is getting the Iraqi infrastructure back up and running. The lights are on, and freedom has found a new home.



As we analyze this week's Operational Readiness Exercise '03-02, it becomes obvious we've had a useful 10-day exercise. We've learned a lot, made a few mistakes and in the final analysis, put bombs on target.

Teamwork improved over the exercise period -- so did communication. Both are necessary for maximum mission accomplishment. A few times mixed signals were sent out or the message got garbled in the transmission. We need to continue to improve our teamwork and communication -- but, we are close.

We were slow to emphasize mission accomplishment because the exercise injects were intense and the weather was challenging. By the second day of our offensive campaign, we were beginning to realize that we can only spend a minimum time in protective cover or we run the risk of not getting jets airborne. Remember, the sooner we get jets airborne, the sooner we get bombs on target and the sooner we win.

A huge indicator of our exercise being successful was our sterling safety record. We had only a small handful of real world casualties and most of those were heat related and may have been prevented with more hydration. Unlike combat, in exercises you don't have to work to the point of collapse -- exhaustion is far enough.

A couple of closing comments. The inspector general is coming and likely to be here before January for a no-notice evaluation. Think hard about what we do. Correct each other when mistakes are made. Coach our new teammates. Know what to do when the unusual happens, such as a gunman running through your area or a sniper pinning us down. Be prepared for ground or air attacks, conventional, chemical and biological.

Our team is almost ready -- a little more practice and we'll win. And Amercia only stays safe when we win.



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Dyess airmen critical to Vietnam Wall success

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

The traveling Vietnam Wall Experience exhibit was a huge success -- thanks, in large part, to the men and women of Dyess Air Force Base, according to City of Abilene officials.

More than 300 volunteers from the base assisted in every aspect of the event, from helping with site construction to comforting visitors to providing sentry duties at night. More than 50,000 people from all across the Big Country and beyond attended the event.

The Vietnam Wall Experience exhibit included guest speakers from Dyess, retired military members who served in Vietnam and former Prisoners of War. The Dyess Honor Guard performed color presentation ceremonies while Dyess' own B-1s and C-130s roared overhead. Base chaplains were also on hand to offer prayers and religious counseling.

"The event was extremely successful," said Lou Murray, chairman of the executive committee. "A lot of healing went on this weekend. It was just incredible."

With the help of Dyess airmen, the Wall was erected in just two hours and 15 minutes, shattering the former record of four hours, Murray said.

"Abilene has set the benchmark by which every city that gets the Wall in the future will be measured," Murray said. "(And,) simply put, it would not have happened without Dyess."

"You just give them some direction, and then you'd best get out of the way or else they'll roll right over you," Floyd Ball, ground site manager for the project, said of Dyess volunteers.

The three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington was on display in Nelson Park Sept. 11 through Sunday.

The event also featured the Quilt of Tears, a quilt created by the loved ones of veterans whose death was related to Agent Orange, as well as a photo exhibit from the Smithsonian.

"(This event) was just another example of the tremendous teamwork shared by Dyess and the City of Abilene," Murray said. "It further solidifies the relationship between the city and the military."

Murray said he was moved by the great show of caring he witnessed from Dyess members while the Wall was on display. He also expressed his thanks to the airmen for doing something good for the Big Country.

"I do not think you will see an event any time soon that will have such a profound impact on this community," Murray said.



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Dyess members and Abilene citizens volunteered in the construction of the traveling Vietnam Wall memorial which was on display in Abilene Sept 11 through 14. Abilene was one of only two stops in the state of Texas.

2003 Combined Federal Campaign drive kicks off today

By Capt. David May
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess kicks off its 2003 Combined Federal Campaign at 11:00 a.m. today with a burger burn in the base exchange parking lot.

The event invites military people and Dyess civilian employees to enjoy free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and soda, and learn about the many charities that make up the CFC, said Maj. Gordon Pfeil, Dyess CFC project officer.

The CFC is an annual fund-raising drive that supports local, national and international non-profit organizations through donations from U.S. military and federal employees. Participants can select either local charities -- such as the Dyess youth center and child development center -- or any of the hundreds of other causes throughout the country and across the globe.

Besides learning about the charities at the burger burn, volunteers will be on hand in case people choose to contribute now, Pfeil said. Key workers will continue to campaign within each unit on base until Oct. 31.

One organization, the West Texas

Homeland Defense counsel, got into the spirit early by presenting a check for \$1,000 to CFC on Wednesday, Pfeil said. The funds were raised through a golf tournament a few weeks earlier.

According to campaign officials, Dyess has benefited more than 22,000 local residents through 37 Abilene charities and countless others around the world.

"Previous campaigns have been outstanding," Pfeil said. "We've always had terrific support and we are looking to do even better this year."

Contributions can be made by cash or check, but most give through payroll deduction, which accounts for more than 90 percent of all funds collected, Pfeil said. Payroll deductions pledged now will start in January and continue through December 2004.

"We encourage every member of Team Dyess to show their support for this worthwhile program," Pfeil said.

For more information, contact a CFC unit representative or visit the local CFC website at www.united-wayabilene.org/cfc.html.

CFC contact list

To find out more about CFC or to make a donation, call a squadron point of contact using the list below:

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Dyess to reward airmen for top fitness scores

By Senior Airman Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

The *Peacemaker* staff in conjunction with the health and wellness center, is offering an new way Dyess members can get their names in the base paper.

Each month, the top performer in cycle ergometry and push-ups and crunches will be calculated by the HAWC staff and will be included in the following edition of the *Peacemaker*.

"The data to determine the top performers will be compiled from (our) database," said Capt. Paul Yenter, HAWC flight chief. "Each age and sex has a score they are required to achieve to pass the Air Force's fitness test."

A person's score on the ergo test will be subtracted from their required score and this number will be added to the number of

push-ups and crunches done over their minimum.

The top scoring male and female will be listed in the spotlight section of the *Peacemaker*, said Senior Airman Matthew Rosine, *Peacemaker* editor. "Publishing the top performers is a great way to highlight some of the achievements made by Dyess people."

Aside from having their names placed in the paper, winners will also receive a one-day pass, a letter of commendation signed by Col. Jonathan George, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and recognition at the squadron level, Rosine said.

"This is a great idea because it not only promotes a little bit of friendly competition among the base community, but this is one more benefit to getting fit," Yenter said.

For more information, call the HAWC at 6-4121.

The Race is on! Most on-time take offs Sept. 1-17

Tail no. 6133
Tech. Sgt. John Ammons
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Tail no. 6108
Staff Sgt. Christopher Bush
Staff Sgt. Rufus Franklin



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Survey

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The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online at <http://afclimatesurvey.af.mil> from either a government or personal computer.

Because Air Force leaders expect candid feedback, the survey team has taken extraordinary measures to ensure privacy by using advanced information-masking software. Anonymity continues to

be a key factor of the survey, officials said.

Results will be released early in 2004, said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff.

“The U.S. Air Force is the finest in the world, a great place to serve and raise our families. We share a commitment to make it better,” he said.

Survey participation has climbed from 39 percent in 1997 and 36 percent in 1999 to more than 65 percent of active-duty airmen and civilians in the 2002 survey.



This week in AIR FORCE HISTORY

Sept. 19 -- One of the first aerial photography experiments was conducted in 1911.

Sept. 20 -- The Air Force announced in 1950 that TVs were used in grounds tests for remote controlled airplanes.

Sept. 21 -- The XB-70 experimental aircraft made its first flight in 1964.

Sept. 22 -- The first non-stop jet flight across the Atlantic

Ocean was made in 1950.

Sept. 23 -- Day and night bombardment tests resulted in the sinking of the battleship U.S.S. Alabama in 1921.

Sept. 24 -- An altitude record of 30,900 ft. was set in 1919 for an airplane carrying a passenger.

Sept. 25 -- General Carl Spaatz was appointed the first U.S. Air Force chief of staff in 1947.

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38 Dyess aviators receive award for safely resolving August IFEs

By Capt. Jeremy Wellmon
Dyess Safety Office

The Memphis Belle Award is a monthly base safety award that recognizes all aircrew members who successfully resolve an in-flight or ground aircraft emergency in the course of daily flying activity. The Memphis Belle Award recipients for August are:

- Lt. Col. Robert Maness, 9th Bomb Squadron
- Maj. Jeffrey Aldridge, 7th Operations Support Squadron
- Maj. James Clark, 77th Weapons Squadron
- Maj. Gerard Lambe, 77th WPS
- Maj. Devin Martin, 28th Bomb Squadron
- Maj. John Nichols, 9th BS
- Capt. Richard Barksdale, 9th BS
- Capt. David Booth, 9th BS
- Capt. Thomas Bryant, 9th BS
- Capt. Jonathan Creer, 28th BS
- Capt. William Edmunds, 9th BS
- Capt. Steven England, 77th WPS
- Capt. Bryan Ferrari, 9th BS

- Capt. Brian Golden, 9th BS
- Capt. Jaime Hernandez, 9th BS
- Capt. Scott Higginbotham, 9th BS
- Capt. Chris Hodgins, 13th BS
- Capt. Mark Johnson, 9th BS
- Capt. Brian Mead, 13th BS
- Capt. Derek Miller, 9th BS
- Capt. John Proietti, 9th BS
- Capt. Michael Pugsley, 7th OSS
- Capt. Jeffrey Robinson, 9th BS
- Capt. Matthew Rodman, 9th BS
- Capt. Stacy Ross, 9th BS
- Capt. Joseph Sheffield, 13th BS
- Capt. Dan Slifer, 9th BS
- Capt. Jeffrey Strommer, 9th BS
- Capt. Jose Sumangil, 9th BS
- Capt. John Varilek, 13th BS
- Capt. Jeremy Wellmon, 9th BS
- Capt. Lamont Winslow, 9th BS
- Capt. Paul Wood, 77th WPS
- 1st Lt. James Ashlock, 9th BS
- 1st Lt. Michael Charles, 13th BS
- 1st Lt. Jason Jackson, 9th BS
- 1st Lt. Quiana Royal, 13th BS

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33 Dyess airmen complete first step of PME

By Master Sgt. Bill Lincicome
Dyess Public Affairs

Thirty-three Dyess enlisted members reached a major milestone in their Air Force careers by graduating from Airman Leadership School Class 03-G in a ceremony Sept. 11 at The Heritage Club.

Staff Sgt. Seth Ehrlich, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, earned the John Levitow Award as Class 03-G's top graduate. **Senior Airman Jerusha Huebenthal**, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, got the nod for the class' Academic Award honors as well as being named as one of the class' two Distinguished Graduates. Distinguished Graduate honors also went to **Senior Airman Warren Flick**, 7th EMS.

7th Operations Support Squadron's **Senior Airman D'ontay Roy** took home 03-G's Leadership Award.

Other Class 03-G graduates were:

Staff Sgt. Chenoa Abbott, 7th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Larry Brindle, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Fred Champlain Jr., 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Airman Darrell Collier, 7th CMS

Senior Airman Dewayne Dewberry Jr., 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Chanrick Ellerbe, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Christine Emswiler, 7th Medical Support Squadron

Senior Airman James Gaymon, 317th Airlift Group

Senior Airman Dale Harrison, 317th Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Bobby Hausermann, 7th EMS

Senior Airman Timothy Haverfield, 7th LRS

Senior Airman John Hutto, 317th AMXS

Senior Airman Kenterry Key, 7th SFS

Senior Airman Steve Liserio, 7th EMS

Senior Airman John Marquez Jr., 7th OSS

Senior Airman Jeffrey Martinez, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Janaine Paige, 436th Training Squadron

Senior Airman Enrique Ramirez, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Lisa Sanders, 7th Aeromedical Dental Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Patricia Schmitt, 7th CMS

Senior Airman Adrian Shine III, 712th Air

Support Operations Squadron

Senior Airman Mark Swanson, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Robert Taylor Jr., 7th SFS

Senior Airman Willie Thompson, 317th AMXS

Senior Airman Anthony Tucker, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Pedro Valdez, 7th EMS

Senior Airman Mark Ward, 317th AMXS

Senior Airman Tinikkie Whitfield, 7th AMXS

Senior Airman Wayne Witter, 39th Airlift Squadron

Shirts go down

Airman Leadership School Class 03-G also achieved another noteworthy feat when they defeated the Dyess first sergeants in the traditional Shirts vs. ALS students volleyball game.

"This is the first time I can ever remember this happening since my class went through ALS back in '99," said Tech. Sgt. Colby Youngblood, ALS instructor.

"They got lucky this time but the next class better be ready for a game," said Master Sgt. Brian Bolin, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant.

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Arnold repairs

Repairs to Arnold Blvd. will begin Sept. 29. The construction will last six months. The base will employ all reasonable means to minimize disruptions to base traffic.

For more information, call 6-5620.

For more details, see next week's issue of the *Peacemaker*.

7th MDG closure

The 7th Medical Group will close at noon today.

For emergencies, call 911. For less urgent needs, call the provider or flight surgeon on-call at 6-2334.

For more information, call 6-2334.

7th CES closed

The 7th Civil Engineer Squadron will close at 11 a.m. today for an official squadron function.

For emergencies, call 6-4154.

Retirement

The retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. David Martin is at 2 p.m. today at The Heritage Club.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Robert Palmer at 6-4464.

Airmen's Attic closed

The Airmen's Attic will not open Saturday. The next openings are Oct. 4 and 18. Individuals who need uniform items can shop from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 6-5999.

Gate hours

- The Tye Gate is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

- The Delaware Gate is open from 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 1:50-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sundays.

- The Maryland Gate is open to school pedestrians and construction vehicle traffic from 7:15-8:30 a.m., and 3-4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For more information, call 6-6982.

Watering restrictions

Dyess has recently implemented stage one watering restrictions.

In stage one, watering is permitted only once a week from midnight to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight on

a day determined by the last digit of the house address.

If the last digit of the address is 7 or 8, water on Sundays; 9, Mondays; 0, Tuesdays; 1, Wednesdays; 2, Thursdays; 3 or 4, Fridays; 5 or 6, Saturdays.

For more information, call the housing flight at 6-2150.

Clinic closed

The 7th Medical Group has temporarily discontinued its weekend clinic hours due to low manning. This will allow for optimal service during normal weekday hours.

Urgent, but non-emergency off-base care during after hours and weekends requires pre-authorization by the on-call primary care manager.

The manager can be reached at 6-2334. TriCare personnel are also available at 1-800-406-2832 to facilitate health care needs.

Patients residing on- or off-base should call 911 for ambulance response or go directly to one of the downtown emergency rooms for illnesses or injuries involving loss of life, limb or sight.

For more information, call 6-2334.

Bicycle rodeo

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 is hosting its 16th Annual Bicycle Rodeo Sept. 27.

The event is open to all children in grades 1-6.

Registration for the event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at VFW Post 6873 located at 1049 Veterans' Drive.

For more information, call Cliff Hollis at 692-1111.

Air commando reunion

The Air Commando Association annual reunion will be held Oct. 10-12 in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

For more information, call 1-850-581-0099.

Layaway available

The Four Seasons store now offers layaway for its customers.

For more information, call 698-1573.

Deadlines

The deadline for submissions for the Peacemaker is the Thursday before the week of publication.

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COMMUNITY



ESC meeting

The Enlisted Spouses Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex.

Childcare will be available for \$2 per child with reservations.

For more information or to make childcare reservations, call Michelle Bowers at 673-7898.

Child care training

The family child care center offers a free training course for people to become home day care providers starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

For more information, call 6-2839.

Babysitter training

There will be a babysitting training clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 27 at the youth center for children ages 10-18.

For more information, call 6-4797.

Kids classes

The youth center offers cheerleading, Kajukenbo and gymnastic classes.

For more information, call 6-4797.

'Tots' reading hour

The Tiny Tots reading hour starts at 10 a.m. Tuesdays at the base library.

For more information, call 6-2618.

Pool hours

The Heritage Club pool is open 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 1-7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Sept. 30.

Patrons can purchase pool passes at a reduced rate.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Parents meeting

The family member pro-



U.S. Air Force photograph

Not forgotten

Former Marine Master Sgt. Fred Paulsen, who was a prisoner of war during World War II, takes part at the Dyess 2001 Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day ceremony. This year's ceremony is at 4 p.m. today at the Dyess Memorial Park and Visitors Center on Military Drive.

gram flight hosts a "Parents for Children" meeting at 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at The Hangar Center.

The meeting is especially geared toward parents that have children enrolled in the youth center, child development center, family child care or school age programs.

For more information, call Kathie DeShasier at 6-2618.

Thrift shop hours

The Dyess Thrift Shop, run by the Officers Spouses Club, is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments can be taken from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are also taken on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The thrift shop is located at 382 4th Ave., across from the temporary lodging facility.

For more information, call

Audra Fruge at 795-8484.

EDUCATION



History month

There are openings for people to head up the Black History Month and Women's History Month observance committees.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gordon Storey at 6-4123.

Language testing

Spanish Language Proficiency testing will be conducted at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 20 and Dec. 9 at the military personnel flight.

People wanting to take the test must have at least a secret security clearance. Testing is limited to five people per session and is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Air Force does not pay Foreign Language Proficiency Pay for Spanish unless a member goes to an approved location and speaks Spanish there daily for official purposes. Language certification is valid for one year from the test date.

For more information, call John Bullard at 6-5763.

CHAPEL



Chapel schedule

Catholic: Reconciliation starts at 4:15 p.m. Saturday followed by Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass is at 9 a.m. Sunday School is 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary Daily Mass is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Protestant: Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary. Shared faith worship begins at 11 a.m. Sunday. Gospel service starts at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Contemporary "Blue Jean" service begins at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. A nursery and children's church are available at all services.

The base chapel has information about the other religious services in the Abilene area.

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4224.

MEDICAL



Cancer screenings

The base women's health clinic has openings for annual cervical cancer screenings for TriCare Prime patients.

To make an appointment, call 6-4677.

OFF BASE



Texas Rangers

Outdoor recreation offers a trip to the Ballpark at Arlington Sept. 20 to see the Texas Rangers take on the Anaheim Angels.

The cost is \$30 per person. Cost includes ticket price and transportation.

For more information, call 6-2402.

Fiesta Texas

The information, tickets and travel office has special rates for Six Flags Arlington, Fiesta Texas and Hurricane Harbor.

To purchase tickets, call 6-5207.

Sea World

The Anheuser-Busch corporation offers a free single-day admission to all active duty military members, National Guardsmen, Reservists and up to four dependents to Sea World San Antonio now to Nov. 11.

The free single-day admission is also available at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Fla., Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Va., SeaWorld Orlando, Fla., and SeaWorld San Diego.

ONE TEAM -- ONE FIGHT

Dyess fights, learns with Phase I/II exercise

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess people “went to war” to fight the good fight and learn how to do it better during a base Phase I/II exercise, Sept. 9 through Monday.

The exercise tested the wing’s ability to mobilize and deploy to a forward operating location. It was the first of three base exercises in which Dyess is preparing for its upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled this January.

“The exercise went well and we learned a lot of valuable lessons,” said Maj. Dean King, 7th Bomb Wing deputy inspector general in charge of wing inspections. “These lessons learned will be applied to the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in January and then on any deployments and employments of B-1 airpower in the future.”

While Dyess has performed many exercises in the past to improve the base’s combat effectiveness, this exercise posed new opportunities to its players.

During Phase II, “Base X” members utilized the new Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations. Using C-CW CONOPS, the base was divided into multiple Chemical Zones or Ground Defense Sectors. Because of an increase in the understanding about chemical warfare, these different areas may have different Mission Oriented Protective Posture levels based on their level of contamination from any simulated chemical attacks. This allows areas unaffected by chemical contamination to return to a MOPP level, which allows them to work more effectively.

As part of C-CW CONOPS, the base also used transition points. Transition points are designated points of entry into each base sector. At these points, members transitioning into and out of sectors are aware of the different sit-

uations in each sector allowing people to increase or decrease MOPP levels to meet the requirements of each sector.

Base X members also utilized an increased alarm condition plan. The new plan added Alarm Condition Green to the current alarm conditions. The new plan also modified the existing Alarm Condition Red into two categories. Alarm Red Air and Alarm Red Ground were used during simulated aerial and ground attacks respectively. Procedures for all the alarm conditions were outlined in the Dyess local Ability to Survive and Operate Guide and were provided to each member.

While the Base X exercise did feature a few new facets, the main purpose of the exercise remained the same: learn and get better.

While base officials cite many different areas of improvement, one example stands out.

As the Phase II began, the cantonment area was on alert and prepared -- or so they thought.

Out of nowhere, a lone gunman, Tech. Sgt. Wes Huntsman, 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, began firing at the security team protecting the cantonment area. This diversion allowed Master Sgt. Kent Gray, 7th CES explosive ordnance disposal, to slip into the base compound -- the real objective in the scenario.

“The intent was to test the response of the average base populace not the security personnel protecting the gates,” Gray said. “The first time the scenario happened, they just didn’t cut it.”

Like a super-soldier in a bad movie, Gray “shot up” the camp in a four-minute marathon. Before finally being “killed” in the scenario, Gray single-handedly took out 40 targets.

“There really wasn’t much of a response at all,” Gray said. “In fact, one guy just walked out of the chow hall, saw me and surrendered. So, I shot him.”

But, according to base officials,

the purpose of exercise is to learn from any mistakes made and get better. This is exactly what happened.

For the rest of the exercise, the self-sufficient compound was a force to be reckoned with. Battling wave after wave of aggressors, the team kept the cantonment compound as secure as they could make it. And, when Gray and Huntsman repeated their scenario, they were in for a surprise.

“Their was a definite improvement,” Gray said. “At first, everyone was too hesitant to react. The second time around, however, they were much more aggressive. I was physically tackled by an unarmed man and I was told afterward that some people were even throwing rocks at me. They were doing anything and everything they could to defend themselves.”

“Our first measure of success is security,” said Staff Sgt. Jeff “Tank” Tanksley, compound security. “Security is always extremely important. We can’t fly our planes if we don’t protect the troops who operate and maintain them.”

Tank’s sentiments were shared by the other warriors in the cantonment area.

“This is the first time I’ve been ‘deployed’ out here,” said Airman 1st Class Travis Holloway.

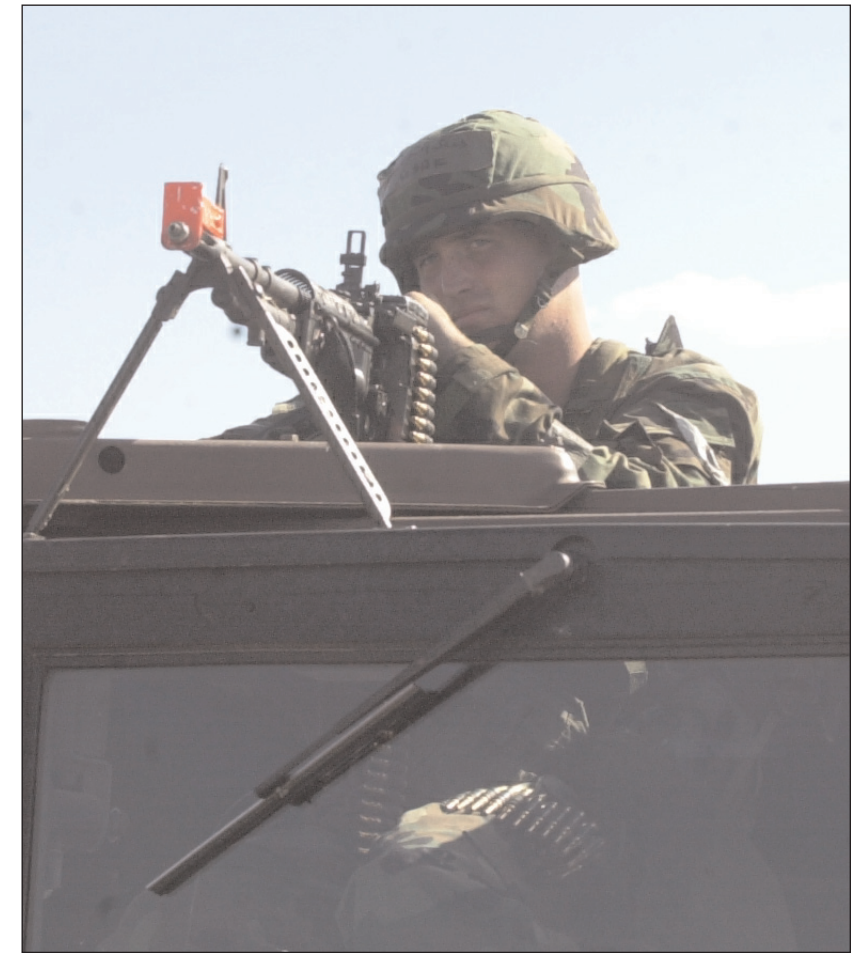
Holloway’s previous exercise experience was confined to the flightline. “You really have to watch to see what is going on. I think we still have some things to learn and we’ll work on those in the next exercise. But, this has really been a great learning experience.”

“Nothing is ever like being in the real world,” Tanksley added. “But each scenario has made this exercise a good training environment.”



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Senior Airman , Base X cantonment area security team, fires at an aggressor during Phase II of Dyess’ Operational Readiness Exercise, Sept. 9 through Monday. The base security members were able to simulate live-fire situations during the exercise.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Staff Sgt. , Base X compound security, prepares to provide cover fire with a 50-caliber machine gun at the entry control point of the Base X cantonment area. Compound security secures the area against aggressors. During the exercise they faced a variety of situations from “attacking gunmen” to “bomb threats.”



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Wing Operations Center members evacuate to the alternate WOC following a simulated attack on the installation.



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Staff Sgt. Jeff Tanksley, Base X cantonment area security team, relays information during an aggressor attack. The attack came as part of the Phase II stage of Dyess’ Operational Readiness Exercise.



Airman Shawn Baldauf

Airman 1st Class Bob Eller and Airman 1st Class Curtis Gabel 7th Air Expeditionary Wing maintainers, demonstrate the proper procedures for treating an abdominal wound during Phase II of the base’s Operational Readiness Exercise.

Dyess captain helps bring gold to AF team



Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

Capt. Katherine Lindler, 7th Bomb Wing executive officer, spikes the ball over the net during practice. Lindler recently helped lead the Air Force to a gold medal during the Armed Forces women's volleyball championships Sept. 13.

By 2nd Lt. Ben Gamble
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess captain competed on an Air Force team in a military-wide tournament which spiked its way to the Armed Forces women's volleyball championship Sept. 13.

Capt. Katherine Lindler, 7th Bomb Wing executive officer, helped the Air Force serve its opponents defeat after defeat to ultimately win the tournament with a 4-1 record. The team's only loss was early in the tournament to the Navy, which the Air Force would later rout in a tiebreaker match to win the title.

"Volleyball is not like any other sport," Lindler said. "In basketball, you can have one star player who makes all the big shots. In volleyball, you need chemistry and teamwork on the court."

The Air Force women's team was very fortunate because many of the teammates had played together before at the United States Air

Force Academy. This allowed the team to build that chemistry and cohesion necessary to defeat other talented volleyball teams, Lindler said.

"(We all) just mixed right in," she said. "Every single person added a lot to the team and we had some great athletes."

Lindler said the team spent a good amount of time learning each other's strengths and weaknesses, which contributed heavily toward their eventual victory.

The worst part of the tournament was losing a game to the Navy, Lindler said. But the best part was coming back to handily defeat them in the tiebreaker that won the championship.

Some of Lindler's teammates were selected from across the U.S. military to represent the men's and women's United States Armed Forces teams. They will compete at the World Military Games in Cantania, Italy, later this year.

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